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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, AIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE
DEPARTMENT OF U. S. AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Production of Scientific Intelligence in the
Field of Ordnance

1. Attached hereto, marked as Enclosure No. 1, is the statement of scientific intelligence requirements prepared by the Research and Development Board, Committee on Ordnance. This statement of requirements involves not only field collection action but also the preparation of finished intelligence reports. Moreover, this statement represents only that intelligence within the specified field which is required for appraisals and comparisons of foreign research and development programs with similar programs underway in the United States.

2. This office believes that any effort undertaken in support of the Research and Development Board in this field should include simultaneous consideration of those additional requirements necessary for full appraisal of all foreign capabilities in the development and employment of ordnance material.

3. Under the terms of NSCIB #3, the production of scientific intelligence has been allocated to each agency in accordance with its own production requirements. Accordingly, it appears advisable in the interests of pooling available resources and in view of the common concern in this particular field, that an informal interdepartmental meeting be arranged for the following purposes:

a. To complete the formulation of requirements both for field collection action as well as for production of specified reports to the end that total coverage in the subject field is provided;

b. To establish priorities for collection and production action, including the allocation of responsibilities in each case; and

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c. To initiate field collection action, and the scheduling and production of individual reports and estimates.

4. It is therefore requested that your office designate a qualified representative in the subject field to attend a series of meetings for the above stated purpose, the first of which is to be held on 13 September 1948 at 1000 hours, in Room 2519, Temporary "M" Building. It is further requested that the attached slip, on which will be indicated the name of the representative of your department, be returned to this office at the earliest practicable date.

THEODORE BABBITT
Assistant Director
Reports and Estimates

Enclosures (2)

- Encl. No. 1 - Statement of Foreign Intelligence Requirements (To be retained)
- Encl. No. 2 - Card of Designated Representative (To be returned)

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